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Hi Sam,

Melissa and I drafted a letter in response to a Corps Public Notice for the proposed Villages at Vigneto. The project was formerly known as Whetstone Ranch and received a 20 year permit from the Corps back in 2006. EPA opposed the project but HQ did not proceed with an elevation pursuant to the 404(q) MOA. The new owner, El Dorado Benson, LLC , now proposes to expand the project site from 8,212 acres to 12,399 acres. Our letter requests that the Corps consider the 12,399 acres under their re-evaluation and bring the project into compliance with the 2008 Mitigation Rule. There is considerable public opposition to the project as groundwater drawdown will have significant impact on fragile aquatic resources.

The PN comment period was extended to December 4, 2016.

I have attached our draft letter, and pdf. letters from 2004 and 2006. In addition, here is the link to the PN. Let me know if you have any access problems.

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-Elizabeth